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## PRESIDENTS FRAMING REPLY TO WILSON

### BEHIND LOCKED DOORS & DRAFT VITAL ANSWERS

DIVISION EXISTS BETWEEN RAILROAD CHIEFTAINS AS TO COURSE TO TAKE

DIRECTORS INTERROGATED FREELY BY TELEGRAPH

Louis Hill Denies Crop Movements Would Seriously Suffer At This Time, Cutting Not Having Begun On His Territory—Will See President After Reply Drafted.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Eight leading railway presidents formed into an executive committee to govern the strike question, conferred all last night and President Holden of the Burlington issued the following statement this morning.

"The committee, after a continuous session has considered the situation but has reached no conclusion yet."

**Arbitration Is Urged**  
Hundreds of telegrams have arrived from merchants and manufacturers urging arbitration. It is learned the Southern railroads and the Baltimore & Ohio favor making some concessions.

**Hill Lines Outspoken**  
Louis Hill of the Hill lines refused flatly to reject Wilson's proposals, while the New York Central and the Pennsylvania lines are strongly against surrendering to the arbitration demands. The committees have telegraphed to important directors of their respective companies this morning, and are now awaiting instructions.

**Answer Tomorrow Maybe**  
It is expected the committee will have answers from its chief directors in hand this afternoon and from these replies will be able to frame a final answer tonight or tomorrow. They will meet with President Wilson as soon thereafter as they possibly can.

**Minimized Prospective Harm**  
Louis Hill denied the strike might cause millions of dollars loss to crops. He said: "Crops are very short. There is no cutting in our territory yet, much less any transportation to do. The strike would not seriously affect the Hill lines."

"The Pittsburgh lines, transporting iron and steel, would be the most seriously affected."  
The railroad executives are still in secret session this afternoon, receiving instructive telegrams from their directors.

As one American citizen to another, President Wilson yesterday appealed to each executive of the country's principal railroads on patriotic grounds to accept his plan for averting the threatened railroad strike. He emphasized the necessity of keeping the railroads in service as a part of the national defense, and to make possible preparation for meeting conditions which will exist after the European war.

Sentiment was said last night to be against agreement to the president's proposal in its present form, but hope is expressed of advancing to some acceptable counter proposal. The task of drafting a final reply to the president was turned over to the committee.

After the conference last night the following situation prevailed: The railroad heads still insist the president asks the sacrifice of the principle of arbitration. Elisha Lee, chairman of the national conference committee on railways, stated "that the railroads should grant, under threat of a national strike, a \$50,000,000 wage preferment to a small minority of employees without hearing before a public tribunal, is inconceivable in a democracy like ours." He suggests the railroads are ready to take whatever action the people and country desire.

Messages on the situation continued to arrive at the White House. Many supported the president's position and many others urged support of the railroads in their demand for arbitration. A petition signed by 40,000 non-union employees of the Pennsylvania railroad opposing the strike was taken to the White House.

**Samuel G. Blythe in Portland.**  
Samuel G. Blythe, the well known political writer, is in Portland to get a line on the political situation in the northwest.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.



Lieut. General A.J. MURRAY.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald James Murray, commander of the British troops in Egypt, reports that his troops have frustrated the attempt of the Turks to reach the Suez canal. In the battle at Romani his forces inflicted heavy losses on the Turks, capturing over 3000. The net result of the battle of Romani is the destruction of more than one-fourth of the Turkish effectives and the pushing of the remainder out into the blazing desert beyond the Katia Basin.

**Contribute to the Government**

Amsterdam, Aug. 21.—The Archduchess Zita, wife of the Austrian heir presumptive, has given all of her household copper and pewter—nearly a ton—to the government to be made into guns.

## 2 LA GRANDE LADS INVOLVED

YOUNGSTERS UNDER 12 SHOOT HOMESTEADER

Two Years Ago Idaho Lads Lived With Mother in This Vicinity

Harold and Lynn Lovelace, brothers, aged 12 and 11 respectively, who are detained in Twin Falls today on a charge of having murdered Prof. Thomas Hamill, a homesteader near Twin Falls, formerly lived in La Grande, where their mother and stepfather made their home for a considerable time after she married Mr. Penewell. He left La Grande for a time a few years ago and when he returned had been united in marriage to Mrs. Lovelace, whose first husband she was divorced from and who still lives. After a time Mr. and Mrs. Penewell and the two boys left La Grande for Idaho points. This was a year ago last Spring.

While here the family cultivated many acquaintances and have numerous friends still, and the stepfather is a brother of A. L. Penewell, well known to baseball fans as an umpire and an infielder. He lives at 2404 North Depot street.

While the boys lived here they displayed no unusual traits, minded their mother well and obeyed their stepfather as decorously as though they were his own. The news of their plight has been a shock to family and friends in La Grande alike.

Mrs. Clyde Palmer, Mrs. Aikins and others are distant relatives of the stepfather.

The victim of the boys' rash act was well known to the Harry L. Millard family of the Darland Apartments, he having taught school at Carson City, Nevada, their previous home.

Press dispatches say that the murder took place last Tuesday.

The story of the shooting and the flight of the boys is almost unbelievable.

They were apprehended near Buhl, 20 miles west of Twin Falls, Sunday evening, six days after the murder. They had traveled about 120 miles with Hamill's horses and light wagon, sleeping in the sage brush, without bedding and thinly clad. They had with them supplies which they had taken from Hamill's house, also eight guns and revolvers of various kinds. They had also stolen guns and other things from ranchers along the way. A Twin Falls dispatch last night said:

**Boys Held in Inquest**  
"At the inquest this afternoon the verdict was that Hamill met his death from a bullet from a rifle in the hands of Lynn Lovelace. His elder brother Harold is held as instigator and accessory. Neither the mother nor their stepfather can be located."

"The mother left for Boise, a month ago."

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## REVENUE BILL SPECIAL ORDER BEFORE SENATE

YESTERDAY'S REVOLT UPSETS PLANS FOR IMMIGRATION BILL

HOUSE PASSES REVISED ARMY BILL WITHOUT FIGHT

Upshot of Squabble in Senate Yesterday Evening Came Today in Form of a Vote to Take Up Revenue Bill Now in Preference to the Immigration Measures.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The house today, without a roll-call, adopted the army appropriation bill which Chairman Hay, of the house military committee, revised after President Wilson vetoed the one previously introduced.

President Wilson told his callers he intends to veto the immigration bill again.

Immediately thereafter the senate voted 32 to 23 in favor of considering the revenue bill, which probably means the immigration bill will be delayed until December.

The revised bill contains no clause exempting retiring army officers from discipline.

**Upset Responsible**  
Up to yesterday afternoon it was not the purpose of the senate to consider the revenue bill now, but an unexpected revolt brought it about.

Ten Democrats voted with the Republican minority to take up the immigration bill. Smith of South Carolina made the motion that the revenue bill come up automatically at 2 o'clock. Smith also yesterday introduced the motion to displace the revenue bill, and provoked an all-afternoon discussion which was resumed this morning.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, was particularly aggrieved over the revolt, yesterday. He accused them of turning legislative control to the Republican minority. Hardwick of South Carolina said he had promised his constituents to do all possible to pass the immigration bill and considered his constituency greater than the Democratic caucus. Smith insisted the immigration bill is not partisan and said, "we should shut our doors until we can Americanize the crowd we have, so our men might fight for the American flag without fearing half-baked foreigners, whose allegiance is to another country."

The leaders hoped to get the revenue bill under way today and they did.

**FINAL PROOFS MADE.**

Starkey and North Powder Homesteaders After Land Titles.

Two final homestead proofs were filed in the U. S. land office today. Alvie Burnett of Starkey filed such a proof, and L. A. Smith and K. W. Smith of Starkey were witnesses in proof of his contentions.

Another final proof filed was that of John L. Jones, of North Powder, although Mr. Jones didn't appear in person.

Other applications filed at the land office today include:

William Dyer, Elgin, homestead; J. M. Scroggins, Ritter, homestead; Charles V. Sturdevant, Ukiah, additional homestead; Willys B. Dale, additional homestead; James T. Mael, Hamilton, additional homestead.

**HULL FUNERAL TOMORROW.**

Interment of Remains of Late Pioneer Set for 10:30 a. m.

With services in the Imber church tomorrow at 10:30, the remains of the late William Hull who died in this city yesterday, will be laid away at Imber. Because of his wide acquaintance in this county and in Wallowa county as well, it is expected a large audience will be present to pay tribute to his sterling life.

**La Grande Merchant Returns.**

F. D. Haisten arrived home this morning from a business trip to Portland. Yesterday was an extremely warm day in Portland, according to Mr. Haisten. Among other things in connection with his trip Mr. Haisten was over the great highway which he classes as a wonder. Something like 3000 autos passed a given point on the highway, so it was reported, in a single day this week.

## UNCLE SAM'S BIG SPECIAL RETURNS

EASTERN OREGON DENIED TREAT THIS YEAR.

Salt Lake Is Farthest Point Reached by Demonstration Train.

Uncle Sam's demonstration train which was to have come through La Grande this fall has turned back for lack of time. After giving public demonstrations of the working basis of practically every department of government endeavor from farming to ship building, sanitation and safety first, the big special found it necessary to return to Washington after getting as far west as Salt Lake. Originally the schedule took it through La Grande to Portland, Spokane and Seattle.

O.-W. Safety first officials have been to Salt Lake to see the train before it headed back home, and declare that it was a wonderful sight and that Eastern Oregon missed much when the government changed its plans. Shops, the army, the navy, agriculture, health, and all the many bureaus the government operates, all came in for clear, concise and instructive display on the train.

**GAVE FRIENDS THE SLIP**

Pendleton Couple Spend Quiet Honeymoon in La Grande

Mr. George Wachtel and Miss Winnie L. Chisholm, both of Pendleton, were married Sunday and in the evening they quietly slipped away for La Grande, winding up at the Foley hotel, where they have been for the past two days. In the meantime their wedding is still a secret to the most of their intimate friends at home.

**Another Railroad Sold.**

Sapulpa, Okla., Aug. 22.—The Sapulpa & Interurban railroad was scheduled to be sold by the sheriff from the steps of the Courthouse here this afternoon. The road, which went bankrupt, is valued at \$122,500.

## FLOUR PRICES SOAR AND WHEAT MARKET IS STRONG

Both home and outside flours spurted this forenoon, the increase being 20 cents a barrel, or five cents a sack. The jump was more or less uniform throughout the coast states, Portland, Seattle and other centers announcing the rise yesterday afternoon.

Simultaneously with the increased flour prices, wheat is showing greater strength. It closed yesterday evening about 3 1/4 cents stronger than the closing price Saturday night, and in bigger centers the price shot up with great vigor during the day. On the basis of last night's closing, Grande Ronde prices today may be quoted at \$1.10, though before closing time tonight new momentum may have been given the figure quoted here.

At this fancy price little wheat is turning. Farmers are universally in the middle of harvest and only at Imber and Alicel is wheat being brought forward at all.

**NEW TROUBLES ARISE.**

Clark's Friends Learn of New Evidence Against Prisoner.

That friends of E. J. Clark, sent up to the Salem penitentiary from La Grande for passing bad checks here and who escaped from the prison, lived in Spokane a while, only to be recaptured a few weeks ago, will have trouble getting him out of prison on parole is the belief expressed by Salem officials. Bearing out this contention is the following dispatch from Salem:

"Affidavits received today from Spokane by Parole Officer Keller, tend to show that E. J. Clark, now in the penitentiary, planned a fraudulent damage suit against the Washington Water Power company, because of injuries alleged to have been received by his wife while riding on one of the company's cars. Friends are seeking Clark's release, asserting that since he escaped from the penitentiary in 1913 until his return recently, he had led an exemplary life."

"Mildred Stevens, 16-year-old sister of Clark's wife, makes affidavit that Clark, then going under the name of Rheinhardt, offered her part of the money received as a result of the suit, providing she would give testimony favorable to Mrs. Rheinhardt's cause."

"Dr. T. E. Hoxey, of Spokane, who attended Mrs. I. Stevens, mother of Mrs. Clark or Mrs. Rheinhardt as the latter was known, also makes affidavit. According to Officer Keller, Mrs. Stevens was assaulted with a chair by Clark, after she had persuaded her daughter Mildred not to testify falsely, fearing the child would perjure herself."

Recent advices from the chief of police, of Kansas City, Mo., were to the effect that Clark, after his escape from the Salem penitentiary, assumed the name of Melvin Rheinhardt. Under this name he was arrested for stealing clothes and jewelry from the

## BALKAN CONFLICT IS BITTER

NANCE O'NEILL WEDS HER LEADING MAN



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Nance O'Neill, actress, is now the wife of Alfred Hickman, who was her leading man in movie plays. The newly married couple will live in Miss O'Neill's home at Bayside, L. I.

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## ALLIES SHOVE GREAT MASSES INTO BATTLES

CONFLICT NEAR SALONIKI USURPS ATTENTION IN EUROPEAN STRUGGLE.

SLAVS RUSHED TO THE AID OF ALLIED ARMY

English Submarine Attacks German Battleship—Along Somme French and English Have Best of Arguments Generally Speaking While Status on Slav Front Unchanged.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—It is announced Bulgarians and Germans have defeated both wings of the Allies' Balkan army and captured positions from Serbians and French. Serbians suffered heavily in unsuccessfully attacking Jeri Fort. Bulgars have seized Planina Ridge.

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